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(54) Title: METHOD OF INCREASING GROWTH AND YIELD IN PLANTS (57) Abstract The invention provides a method of producing a genetically modified plant characterized as having increased growth and yield as compared to a corresponding wild-type plant comprising increasing the level of cyclin expression in the plant. Genetically modified plants characterized as having increased growth and yield are also provided.		

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What is claimed is:

1. A method of producing a genetically modified plant characterized as having increased growth and yield as compared to the corresponding wild-type plant, said method comprising:
 - 5 contacting plant cells with nucleic acid encoding a cyclin protein, wherein said nucleic acid is operably associated with a regulatory sequence, to obtain transformed plant cells;
 - producing plants from said transformed plant cells; and
 - selecting a plant exhibiting said increased yield.
- 10 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the genetically modified plant exhibits increased root growth.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein the genetically modified plant exhibits increased shoot growth.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein the cyclin is cyclAAt.
- 15 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the regulatory sequence is a promoter.
6. The method of claim 5, wherein the promoter is selected from the group consisting of constitutive promoters and inducible promoters.
7. The method of claim 1, wherein the contacting is by physical means.
8. The method of claim 1, wherein the contacting is by chemical means.